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Camp Laney: Boats, Battle ball, and Bonsai

The Boat Race: Sink or Win!

By Holland Lund

Every year the 7th graders at MBA take a class trip to Camp Laney in Mentone, Alabama. On the final morning of the Camp Laney retreat, we awoke to the sound of the first bell, tired from the previous day full of high rope courses. When the second bell sounded, all the campers rushed to line

up in front of the dining hall for breakfast. After the “delicious” breakfast, our next task was to go and sit in the fire circle for further instructions. The boys were told that they would be required to build a boat out of two sheets of cardboard, plastic wrap, duct tape, and a razor blade. Once the groups had received all of the supplies necessary for the challenge, they took them back to their cabins and set to work on a plan. With the plan drawn up and their minds set, each cabin went to work on their team’s boat.

The boats had to be sturdy, stable, and somewhat flexible to be as successful as possible. When all of the boats were constructed, the boys took their boats to the fire ring for the next challenge. When all of the teams were settled, the adult at Higher Ground explained the rules. The rules were simple; get all of your team across the



Will Peters and Dylan O'Donnell

river and back to win, and if the boat capsizes, your team is disqualified. When all of the boys had reached the waterfront and put their boats in the water, they waited for the “green flag.” After the signal was given, the boys plunged into the icy water with their boats. Many made it across and back, but few made it there and back a second time.

It was an exhilarating activity to watch and to participate in as well. Cloaked in the challenge of a cardboard boat race, many would have cracked under the pressure and done something wrong, but this experience developed within each student the skill to work together as a team and to trust one another’s decisions.

Congratulations to Mr. Cheevers’ cabin on winning the race.



Coach Cheevers’ Cabin 12 win with the boat “No Fear.”

CAMP LANEY

Camp Laney: High Hopes for High Ropes

By Reilly Dodd

I presume everyone at MBA remembers Camp Laney: the first chance for the Microbes to make new friends and have fun. For all of you who don't remember it because you have had amnesia, your head hit so hard that you lost memory, or simply didn't go, here is my review of the main event at Camp Laney, the high ropes course.

I still remember when, after a stormy night, I rolled out of bed and thought about the High Ropes, and how I dreaded going on them. When I had asked

a few of the 8th graders for some advice on how to survive Camp Laney and the ropes course, they all said the same thing, "Oh man, the High Ropes are the best; it's like suicide with a harness. Hope you make it." Their comments didn't exactly add to my enthusiasm.

The High Ropes Course at Laney started out with a trip to the Bonsai, which is basically a trip with a high wire, and then a small fall with a harness attached to us. That raised my expectations and made me think that the High Ropes could actually be fun. After waiting until the next group finished their element (maybe 20 minutes total), I came to the Leap of Faith, the next high rope. We had to climb a telephone pole and reach for a trapeze suspended in air. It was very exhilarating, and I thought that things could really change for the better.

Next, we went to the Zip Line, which was pretty fun. After at least 30 minutes, we got to move on to the next event, the Kamikaze, which was a much bigger and better version of its wimpy little cousin, the Bonsai. Instead of some meager little walk on a rope bridge ten

feet in the air, we walked on logs and unstable planks suspended thirty feet above the ground! It was definitely the main event of Camp Laney. Ironically, one of the best ways to get through this element was to look downward and watch your footing because if you didn't, even though you're attached to a harness, it wouldn't be a happy memory. After the hazardous walk across the planks, you are hooked to the same type of harness and go flying through the air for a while. Your stomach drops and rises while swinging back and forth in the harness. It was definitely the main event of my High Ropes experience.

Afterward, I completed two more ropes courses that were pretty bland in comparison to the Kamikaze, but I did them anyway. After the ropes course, I was looking forward to dinner and a change of pace with dodge ball and the monster story provided by one of our own faculty members, Mr. Gillespie.

All in all, Camp Laney's High Ropes Courses were better than I thought it would be, and it deserves a solid rating of 7/10.

Camp Laney Dodgeball

By George Harwell

Camp Laney dodgeball was a blast! Although some people got a little too into it, but it was still fun. About every five seconds you could hear someone yell, "Headshot!" Or, another yell at someone for not going out. I could not hear the following night; my eardrums were blown out from all of the screaming.

If you were on Ty Chandler's team, you were as lucky as you could possibly be. He threw the ball at least

100 mph. Some people still have bruises from his bombs. I don't see why he doesn't play quarterback instead of running back.

The one bad thing about all the games was that we could not settle down after each game. Between each game we would get louder and louder; the teachers wouldn't let us start the next game until we got quiet. I think we probably could have played two or three games in the time it took the teachers to settle us down. Once we started the game, it was difficult at first, having over 100 people playing dodgeball in a tiny gym. Every time that you made a move, you would run into a teammate.

When dodgeball was finally over, it was a little bit

depressing. I eventually got over it, but to me, even though people say the high ropes course is the best, I disagree. In my mind, dodgeball is by far the best part of Camp Laney. If I could do anything over again, it would be playing dodgeball.



Ty Chandler with his lethal throw.

CAMP LANEY



Jackson Owen and Mark Lillard



Ben Ramon



Aubrey Greene



Tanner Noonan



Jake Evans



Andrew Duffey



Turner Johnson



Luke Rochford



The Launch!



Mr. Gillespie, Jack Reineke, and Mr. Wims

CAMP LANEY



Ben Gauldin



Dylan Haselton



Boaz Kelner and Bryce Ardisson



Joe Moxley takes off!



Jackson Satz



Jacob Kovick

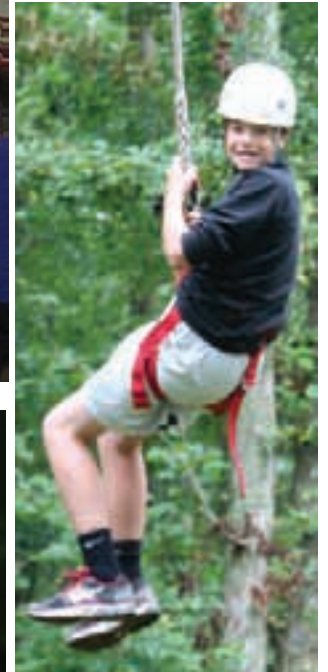


Peter Taylor and Drew Powell



John Morphett, Wyeth Patton, and Alvin Zhang

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Andrew Freeland



Max Davis



Christian Palm and Asher Curnutte



Aubrey Greene and Mack Smithing have it all under control.



Tanner Noonan and Cal Rieke were the first to hit the icy water.



CAMP LANEY



Ellis Moore



Zach Richardson



Joe Waller takes an unconventional route off the Kamikaze!



Drew Davis minus his boat!



Tony Huang



Andrew Hudson



Austin Streaty

ON THE HILL

Big Brother/Little Brother Service Project



While most MBA students were taking the PSAT on October 12th, Senior big brothers and seventh-grade little brothers were involved in service projects in the community. In this photo, one group is picking up trash and cleaning up the Greenway. --Photo Courtesy of Dr. Cal Fuller

New Additions to the MBA Family



Mr. Merideth and his wife are the proud parents of Erica Jane Merideth who was born September 16, 2011 at 9:25 p.m. Erica Jane was 8 lbs. 11 oz. and 20 inches. She enjoys playing with anything hanging in front of her and listening to reggae music.



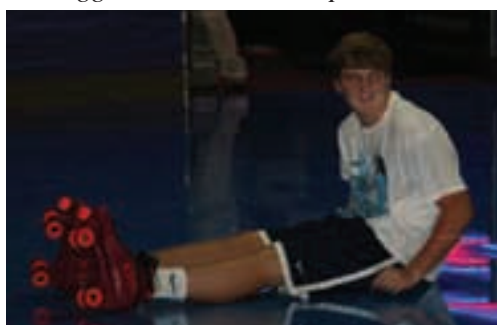
Coach Barkley and his wife are the proud parents of James Eugene Barclay who was born on July 25, 2011 (3 weeks early). He was 10 lbs 4 ounces and 22 inches long.

ON THE HILL

8th Grade Mixer at Strike-and-Spare



Winston Hewitt tries to send Peter Briggs back to his home planet.



Parker Bryan needs lessons from Jordan.



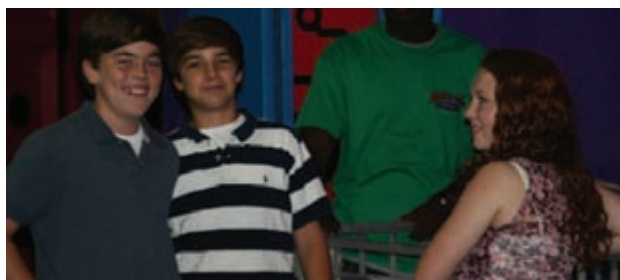
Jordan Wilson shows his skills.



Hunt Smith and Jamie Payne



Nick Dreher



Sam Rhodes and Brandon Bennett

ON THE HILL

Homeroom Representatives 2011 - 2012

EIGHTH GRADE

Mr. Anderson: K.P. Frazier, JC Fogg, Alex Boone, Daniel Smith, Jack King
Mr. Brown: Michael Mappes, Jim Garrett, Ryan Carpenter, Chris Saxon, Glenn Coleman
Mrs. Christeson: Jordan Rosdeutscher, Charles West, Benton Dodd, Hunter Hamilton
Ms. Ellery: Jack Litchfield, Charlie Bailey, Sam Anderson, Devon Rundberg
Mr. McMurray: David Gaw, Diggs Truitt, Parker Bryan, T. Whitton
Mr. Russ: Carter Lovvorn, Russell McGinn, Cole Cross, Connor Gray
Mr. Spiegel: Gray Adelman, Werner Bradshaw, D'On Coofer, Nick Dreher
Ms. Williams: Sam Smith, Daniel Bishop, Taylor Asher, Alvin Zhang

SEVENTH GRADE

Mr. Barclay: Will Peters, Wyeth Patton, Drew Davis, Cole Thornton
Mr. Boysen: Jacob Herndon, Will Hoffman, John Glover, Laws Hunter
Mr. Cooper: Austin Streaty, Mac Lassing, Jack Reineke, William Peter
Mr. Euverard: Barrett Brown, Cal Rieke, Call Bainbridge, Perry Matthews
Mr. Gillespie: Hayes Alley, Andrew Freeland, Jack Benson, Joe Moxley
Mrs. Roberts: Tanner Noonan, Turner Johnson, Jake Evans, Ben Gauldin
Mr. Russell: Cameron Wade, Riley Steanson, Sam Garrett, Tony Huang
Mr. Sawyer: William Porter, Thomas Neff, Jack Carey, Jack Hornsby
Ms. Vaughan: Gabriel Mendoza, Rush Gorney, Collin Rudolph, Drew Powell
Mr. Wims: Jacob Kovick, Alvin Zhang, Warner Lamar, Andrew Kaplan



WELCOME

New Faculty in the Junior School



*Mrs. Klausner
Librarian*



*Mr. Hutton
English 7*



*Mr. Villemain
Introductory Physical Science*



*Mr. Jackson
Algebra I*



*Coach Euverard
U.S. History*



*Coach Dean
Pre-Algebra*



*Coach Chauvin
Algebra I Honors*



*Mr. Berry
Latin I*

We were unable to secure Mr. Berry's photo prior to press time. We apologize, and Mr. Berry's picture will be in the next issue.

The photos of Coach Euverard and Coach Dean are courtesy of The Bell Ringer

TO THE HILL

New Students of the Class of 2016



Yavin Alwis

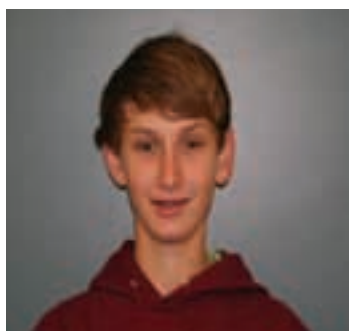
Previous school: Woodland Middle

Favorite thing about MBA: The community

Favorite sport: Tennis

Hobbies: Playing tennis

Favorite Class: Math



Richard Baker

Previous school: Indian Trail Middle School

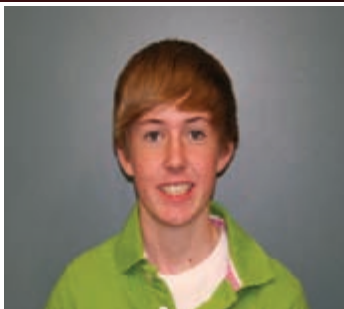
Favorite thing about MBA: The sports

Favorite Sport: Tennis

Hobbies: Playing tennis

Favorite Class: Cultural Geography

Interviews by Cole Cross



Alex Boone

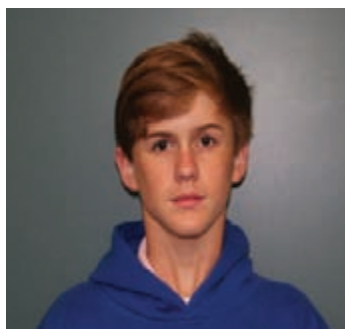
Previous school: Harding Academy

Favorite thing about MBA: The community and sports

Favorite sport: Football,

Hobbies: Being with friends

Favorite Class: Math



Owen Currey

Previous School: Currey Ingram

Favorite thing about MBA: The sports

Favorite sport: Soccer

Hobbies: Being with friends and having fun

Favorite class: Math



JC Fogg

Previous School: Head Magnet

Favorite thing about MBA: The community

Favorite sport: Football

Hobbies: Being with friends

Favorite class: Math



Adrian Roper

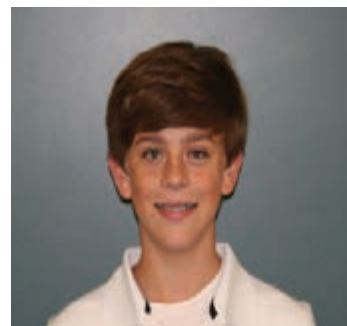
Previous school: Rose Park Magnet

Favorite thing about MBA: The community

Favorite sport: Football

Hobbies: Being with friends, having fun

Favorite class: Math



Davis Voecks

Previous school: Franklin Road Academy

Favorite thing about MBA: The freedom

Favorite sport: Golf

Hobbies: Golf

Favorite class: Cultural Geography

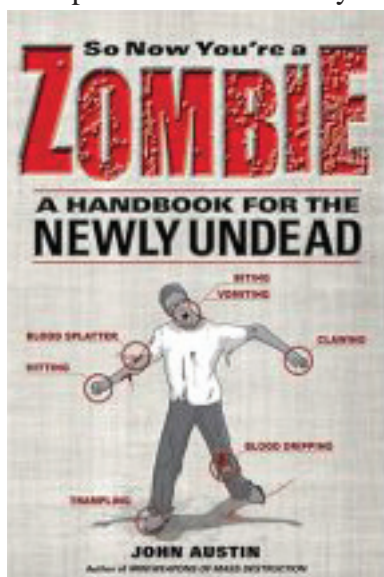


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Braaaaaaiiiinsssss, Brawn, and Books!

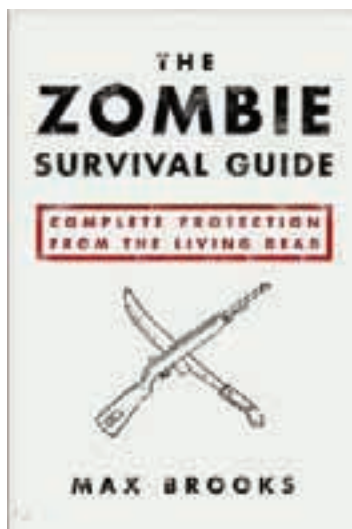
By Reilly Dodd

Ah yes, zombies, we hate them, love them, and can't live with them at all. If we put them in a game, we get hits like the *Left 4 Dead* and *Nazi Zombies* series. If we put them in a movie, we get *Night of the Living Dead*, *Zombie Wars*, *American Zombie*, *Tokyo Zombie*, and most importantly, *Aaah! Zombies!!* If you put them on the Internet, a thousand hits at least, but what if you put zombies in a book? Well, my good men, let's find out. Recently, I have been reading two books; *The Zombie Survival Guide* by Max Brooks and *So Now You're a Zombie*, by John Austin. *So Now You're a Zombie* is "the secret survival guide" for new zeds (Zombies) It is filled with priceless info and key know-how for zeds like:



- How to climb a ladder and stairs
- How to wield a knife
- How to grab your victim
- How to jump
- How to infect your prey with Solanum (the scientific name for the zombie virus)
- Battle formations
- What and what not to do, eat, or bite
- How to ration your food intake
- What special jobs you fit the criteria for

This book is filled with some humor and insight from a zombie's point of view. My only complaint is that it is a little short, and at times, the author underestimated the sheer willpower of humanity. You also learn about your zed ancestry, what you are, your physical limitations, greatest strengths and weaknesses, what fuel is necessary for your new afterlife, and the classes of zeds. This is a great book to read if you want those last few resilient brain cells to die before turning to the zed side.



On the other hand, *The Complete Zombie Survival Guide* mainly discusses these main topics:

- General zombie information
- Weapons and combating the undead
- Defensive tactics
- Fleeing tactics
- Offensive tactics
- The post-apocalyptic zombie era
- Recorded attacks that date from 60,000 B.C. to 2002 A.D.

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Zombie Guides--A Must for Everyone!

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The Zombie Survival Guide is amazing. You should definitely go to the library and pick this one up. It goes into such detail and has small bits of humor sprinkled throughout the book as well. I was amazed at this book, and to me it's like a drug; you know it's pointless, and it won't help you in the least, but you can't quit it. Max Brooks wrote this book like zombies are real and a huge threat to our safety which made me want to read it even more. He made this information seem absolutely necessary. I am reading this book a second time just to retain all the information given to me in this "holy grail of zombie slaughtering." I give these two books a rating of 9/10 as a package deal.

While we are on the subject I have made a quick list of things you should always have with you as described in the contents of the book and my own opinion.

- Shot-gun (130 shells)
- Pistol(s) (.45 caliber and 60 rounds each)
- Rifle (Karnack 300 rounds)
- Other rifle (M1 Garand or Carbine same amount of rounds)
- AK-47 (For all situations, this is your go-to gun 700 rounds)
- Silencers (One for every gun you have)
- Crossbow (If silencers are unavailable)
- Sniper rifle (for long stays and long range kills)
- Heavy machine gun (or LMG, and only if you have good aim 400 rounds)
- Two flashlights with plenty of batteries
- Sleeping bag
- Hikers pack
- Abundant supplies and seeds
- Molotov cocktails (many and only if on offense)
- Shark suit, tight clothing under it, a scuba gas mask, gloves, flippers, boots, and a spear (for underwater combat and land travel alike)
- Dual machetes and a backup knife
- Maps, compasses, G.P.S (only if you still have access to a signal tower)
- Axe (throwing weapon and for cutting down debris)
- Steroids (It's not sports, it's life or death now)
- Radio
- Pain killers
- Water filters (you don't want to get dysentery while fighting the undead, which make you nauseous enough)
- General entertainment (low moral = high probability of death)
- Ear plugs (to keep the zombies unending moans from becoming a problem)
- A mountain bike or horse (use a horse only when necessary, seeing as they are easily frightened)
- Other people
- Also, only aim for the head; nothing else kills the undead flesh eaters

FEATURES

Serializing novels was a common practice in the 19th century and today. Stephen King's famous novel, The Green Mile was first published in a serialized format. This is the third year that the editors of the paper have decided to serialize a short story. This story will continue in each issue until its conclusion in our final issue in May. Enjoy!

Chapter I: What's Going On?

Dear Clyde,

I don't know what's going on. They found a dead body stuffed in the construction dumpster behind the new building site for the school today. The police, faculty, and staff immediately identified it as Clarice Longwood. I'm rather disturbed; Clarice and I go way back. We've been classmates since sixth grade. Our parents have been friends for as long as I can remember. She can be irritating, but mostly in a cheerful way.

As you know from my previous entries, Clarice had straight A's, stupendous athletic ability, and a flawless record of discipline and community service – anyone else would love to be in that position. Not any more though, considering that Clarice's head is now indistinguishable from nothing

more than a mass of flesh and bones. The victim's skull had been bashed in ferociously, and rumor has it that blood was still spilling from it when the police investigators lifted it from the pile of construction rubble. It must have been the excitement of everyone rushing about the work site on the new campus, but I seem to have a good bit of concrete dust on my sweatshirt.

In case you think that I feel anywhere near remotely sorry for Clarice, I most certainly do not. I said I was disturbed about the ordeal, not sorry for what happened. In fact, Clarice was probably one of the most despicable people I have ever met; Clarice was always the bullying type. No one ever noticed it, though, except for the victims. As I said before, anyone would have loved to be in that perfect position. Little did they all know that secrets was the game of champions, and those too weak to uncover and use them belonged at the bottom of the socio-elitist pyramid as prey. I had delved into this business before and came out voraciously underhanded.

Clarice wrote a blog about me, which I found, that included rumors that I had failed an exam I had so viciously proposed that I would ace. I was shunned the weeks following, and somehow Clarice had figured out my grade, which sadly was lower than I expected, but still very much passing. Clarice used the grade and flaunted how much worse I had done, which sent me into a downward spiral with a sudden urge to get even. I really feel spiteful toward her, which is new



for me.

I'm beginning to wonder whether it was one of my friends who was the killer. They all know how I felt being constantly overshadowed, and I know that though it is not in my character to do so, they are definitely passionate enough about my ordeal (which some of them have shared with me) to end life. I must admit, something about it has always fascinated me too, but I doubt I have either the external drive or the mental ability to commit such an atrocity.

The police are already beginning to question me; being someone who "hung around" with this fiend before Death's swift hand was beckoned forward prematurely makes me a rather large target. I have and will continue to restate my case as it is with my full judgment on the matter: I know nothing of what happened, and though I am glad, I know I am not a psychopath.

With uncertain regards,

Taylor Crest

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FEATURES

Doctor Love's Guide to Fall Dress

By Werner Bradshaw

While all guys know that fall is one of the best times of the year, guys might not know how we should dress when socializing with girls in the fall. This uncertainty can lead to a lack of confidence when talking to girls. It is a known fact that men who feel properly dressed have more confidence than men who feel poorly dressed. So, how should guys dress in the approaching fall period? That is where Dr. Love steps in to help with five important tips.



Dr. Love and friends

1. Hats are optional, although I do not recommend wearing a hat unless it is "your thing."
2. Shirts- Depending on what type of person you are, I would recommend wearing a polo shirt or a T-shirt. If you are cool enough you can maybe wear a Bonnaroo shirt, but you would need my approval first.

3. Shorts / Pants - Depending on the weather, I would recommend a sweet pair of pastels, or a nice pair of white-and-blue striped pants.

4. Shoes- Always wear a good-looking pair of Sperry's or loafers (preferably Gucci loafers). Remember never to wear Wallabies' with shorts.

5. Glasses with croakies always complete the perfect outfit.

Remember that the most important thing is to frat hard. The harder you frat, the better you look, and the better you feel.

Alvin's Trivia Corner

By Alvin Zhang



The first student to come to Alvin with the correct answers will receive a prize from *Top of the Hill*.

1. Who won the puppy in the Spaghetti supper ticket contest?
2. What important member of Al Qaida has recently been killed (Not Osama)?
3. What is my mom's last name?
4. How many videos does CODblackopsps (youtuber) upload every day?
5. What three letter word gets the most hits on Google? (Think about it.)

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An Overview of the Libyan Revolution

By Alvin Zhang

At the beginning of February, citizens of Libya, a country in Northern Africa, started a rebellion against the government in a revolution that continues today. This revolution is only one in a chain of pro-democratic revolutions that started first in Egypt. Libyans rebelled because they were tired of being ruled by the tyrant Moammar Gadhafi, who is known as a corrupt, cruel, and unjust leader. Among the many stories of his cruelty, the most atrocious is the case in which he is accused of raping his female bodyguards. Libyans tried to end his rule by waging war for several months, battling in key towns such as Tripoli, Sirte, and Benghazi. Although the war was huge, Libyans lacked significant resources to fight Gadhafi and his loyalists. One of the problems was that they lacked RPG's and anti-tank missiles to fight the Gadhafi regime's tanks and armored

vehicles. Because of their lack of weapons, the UN and America decided to help them by sending supplies as well as targeting Libyan forces with missile strikes and Tomahawk missiles. With the aid of the UN and America, Libya was able to lead a successful war against Gadhafi and his regime.

Currently, Libyan rebels have almost completely destroyed the Gadhafi administration and only one town, Sirte, remains under loyalist (pro-Gadhafi people) control. Gadhafi and his sons and daughter have fled the country, and it is rumored that he could be in an isolated region in Khamis surrounded by mountains. Also, he could have fled out of the Libya's southern border. If he is caught, the ICC (International Criminal Court) wants to try him for the crimes he committed in his reign over Libya for over four decades. On October 16th, Gadhafi's headquarters in Libya's capital (known as Bab Alziziya), Tripoli, was torn down, destroying Gadhafi's symbol of power in the capital. Libyans have demonstrated their patriotism by wearing Libyan shirts featuring the new Libyan flag, as well as carrying posters and placards.

After the revolution, a new government, called the Libyan Interim National Council, was put into place. The council's statement declares, "Libya has two choices. Either we achieve freedom and race to

catch up with humanity and world developments, or we are shackled and enslaved under the feet of the tyrant Moammar Gadhafi where we shall live in the midst of history." From this junction came the announcement of the Transitional National Council, a step on the road to liberate every part of the Libyan lands from Aamsaad in the east to Raas Ajdair in the west, and from Sirte in the north to Gatrún in the south. To liberate Libya from the hands of the feared Moammar Gadhafi who made lawful to himself the exploitation of his people and the wealth of this country would be an extraordinary feat. The number of martyrs and wounded and the extreme use of excessive force and mercenaries against his own people require us to take the initiative and work on the Liberalization of Libya from such insanities. It seems that even though the war may be close to an end, catching Libya up to the rest of the world (in technology, government, infrastructure, economy, etc.) and completely undoing the evil actions of Gadhafi may be a difficult task ahead.

*****Editor's Note: This article went to press the day before the Gadhafi was slain in Sirte.*****



FEATURES

Porta Via is Eccellente!

By Benton Dodd

On Thursday, September 29, I went with my dad and sister to Porta Via Italian restaurant located at 21 White Bridge Road, Nashville, TN 37205 near MBA. The hours are Monday – Saturday from 11:00AM to 10:00PM. It is closed Sunday but is available for private parties.

We got to the restaurant and proceeded to the outside waiting space at 6:35PM. We were finally seated at 7:01PM. The line to get into the restaurant was relatively short because it was Thursday night, but it still took 25 minutes for us to be seated. On some nights it can take up to 45 minutes to be seated. The host tried to seat us in the booth closest to the door, even though there were, and I counted, three other booths available away from the entrance. This might have just been coincidence, but I think we were put in that seat because of me, being 14, and my sister, 11. So you might want to be wary of the place if you or your siblings are vertically challenged like me.

Once we sat down at a different table, all of our issues with how the restaurant was run were quickly dropped, as they always are when we come here. My dad and sister ordered the Angel Hair Al Pomodoro, which is a relatively



straightforward pasta dish. My dad got the spicy sauce, while my sister got the regular. After sampling both, much to the chagrin of my family, I have to say that both of them were excellent. The spicy sauce was a perfect addition to the dish because it wasn't so spicy that I needed to grab for water; it just added the perfect amount of kick to keep the dish interesting. I had a hard time handing back the plate after that sampling, and I know what I will be getting next time! I ordered Quattro Formaggi, which is a four cheese pizza, with Gorgonzola, Fontina, Parmigiano, and Fior di Latte cheese. Although the pizza tasted fine, I don't really like Gorgonzola cheese, and it had no sauce on it, so my mouth got really dry while eating it, and thus we had to pay for two refills of my lemonade. Speaking of price, Porta Via has arguably the best bang for your buck in the Nashville area. My pizza, which was a full sized, custom pizza, was only 13 dollars, and two or three people could have easily been filled by it, but my inner lineman came out in me, so I downed it all.

The service at Porta Via is a mixed bag. Although our server was

friendly, the host placed us at the front of the restaurant, even though there were other open tables. When we sat down, there was no silverware at the table, and we had to wait a few minutes before starting our appetizer, which was a seemingly simple bread dish, but it was very tasty because of the olive oil and pepper dip. Overall, I

give the service of Porta Via, 7.5 out of 10, but the food is easily a 9/10. But remember with food there is a big difference between an 8 and a 10.

The atmosphere was great with a flat screen with The Food Network on in the background, but muted so the tasteful contemporary music isn't drowned out by the gripping drama of *Cake Boss* and other various Food Network shows. Watching professional chefs cook food while you are waiting certainly doesn't hurt your appetite. There is also a bar, but it is right in the area where people come in, and a few feet away from our original spot, and obviously I didn't have anything from that area of the restaurant, but my dad said his beverage was satisfactory.

I give the atmosphere a 9.5/10. Overall, I give Porta Via a 9/10. It is an excellent place to go if your family is looking for food on a Friday night after the football game, and it is an excellent place to take a date (Wink, Wink Doctor Love).

ENTERTAINMENT

The Music and Magic of Bonnaroo

By Werner Bradshaw

The 2011 Bonnaroo Music and Arts Festival was a magical year for many reasons. First, this year was the 10th year of the festival. Secondly, the festival had a spectacular lineup this year consisting of a variety of artists ranging from alternative artists to rap/hip-hop artists. Many people might not know what Bonnaroo is like or even what Bonnaroo is. Bonnaroo is a music and arts festival located in Manchester, Tennessee in early June. There is too much to say about Bonnaroo in any one article, so here are some of the highlights of this festival.

While much of Bonnaroo is music concerts and displays, there is much more to do than simply go to concerts. Bonnaroo has a comedy theatre, which gathered multiple comedians in 2011 including Conan O'Brien. In addition, Bonnaroo has a movie tent where they display



many movies over the course of the festival. While both of these attractions sound like a great way to spend your time at Bonnaroo, they are not and for many reasons. The main reason is that the lines are always long, and more time is spent in the line than in the actual movie or comedy show. In addition, there is usually many other, more exciting ways to spend your time at Bonnaroo other than those particular attractions.

This year Bonnaroo had one of the best arrays of artists ever to perform. These artists included The Black Keys, Buffalo Springfield, Old Crow Medicine Show, Lil Wayne, Wiz Khalifa, Eminem, Arcade Fire, Widespread Panic, My Morning Jacket, Robert Plant and the Band of Joy, Mumford and Sons, Girl Talk, Bassnectar,

Florence and the Machine, The Decemberists, Pretty Lights, Matt & Kim, and many more. Every band at Bonnaroo would be worth seeing if there was no conflict with the schedule. For example, many people's two favorite bands

played at the same time. Even the best planners cannot plan around a conflict like this one for many reasons. One reason is that some stages in the festival are on opposite ends of the area, and it takes a long time to get from one area to the other. In addition, bands typically save their best song for the very end of the show, so it is hard to see the best of both bands. Finally, even if you do get to both concerts, it is hard to find a good place to view the concert. While these conflicts can keep you from seeing some bands, the schedulers of Bonnaroo usually make the schedule to fit the needs of the festival-goers.

Every second spent at Bonnaroo is magical because of the friendly atmosphere and the fun attractions. It is virtually impossible not to have a good time at Bonnaroo unless you are susceptible to somewhat warm and humid weather conditions. Bonnaroo is a great time, and I highly recommend all music fans to attend Bonnaroo to better enhance their knowledge of music and to have an unforgettable experience that will change your life.



ENTERTAINMENT

The 2011 Video Music Awards

By Daniel Bishop

The 2011 *Video Music Awards* (VMAs) were held in Los Angeles this year, and they were one to remember. Lady Gaga's smoker boyfriend filled in as the host of the show, but many of the crowd soon figured out it was actually Lady Gaga, "the Mother Monster" herself, with a drastic make-up job. She soon kicked off the VMAs with her song, "You and I."

Britney Spears began the award ceremony by receiving the award for the Best Pop Video for her song, "Till the World Ends." Jay-Z and Kanye West made an exhilarating performance of their new single, "Otis." After this amazing performance, Justin Bieber won Best Male Video with his song, "U Smile." After the Best Male Video award, Chris Brown had his famous dancing revealed in his new songs,



These are only two of the many faces of Lady Gaga at the 2011 VMAs

"Yeah 3X" and "Beautiful People." Beyonce had an exciting performance of her song, "Lover On Top."

The Beastie Boys of the Future including comedians Will Ferrell, Jack Black, and Seth Rogan had a dance off against the biggest new band, Odd Future, before Tyler the Creator's surprising speech for his award for Best New Artist of the year. This award was followed by the Best Hip Hop Video, which was awarded to Nicki Minaj, who had an extreme outfit on that night including an ice cream cone necklace. Adele performed an amazing song from her new album, "Someone Like You." Bruno Mars soon performed Amy Winehouse's song, "Valerie," in

memory of Amy Winehouse's recent death.

To end the night, the final and greatest award of the night, Video of the Year Award, was given to Katy Perry for her song, "Fireworks." The nominees for this big award include: Tyler the Creator's "Yonkers," the Beastie Boy's "Make Some Noise," Adele's "Rolling in the Deep," and Bruno Mar's "Grenade." Lil Wayne closed the night with his songs, "How to Love" and "John."

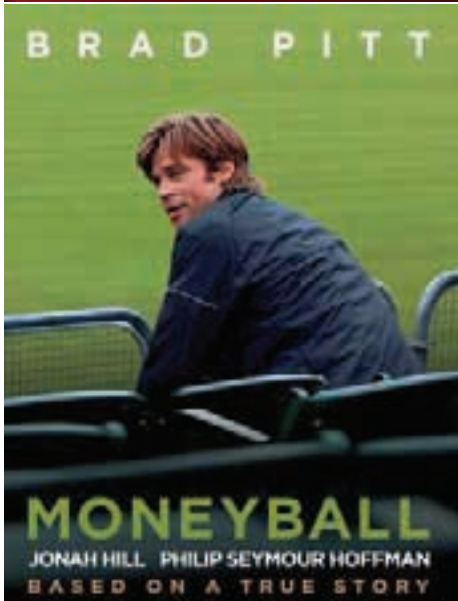
This night was filled with great performances, wonderful speeches, and great artists, and I look forward to next year's award ceremony, and you should too!



Kip's Top Ten

10. *Paranormal Activity*
9. *Friday the 13th* (2009)
8. *Saw 1*
7. *Insidious*
6. *Orphan*
5. *The Blair Witch Project*
4. *Silence of the Lambs*
3. *The Nightmare on Elm Street* (2010)
2. *The Exorcism of Emily Rose*
1. *Halloween* (2007)

ENTERTAINMENT



Moneyball

By Benton Dodd

Moneyball is a 2011 sports biography directed by Bennett Miller. The film focuses on the story of Billy Beane, the general manager of the Oakland Athletics during the 2002 season. The primary issue for Beane is that he has to put together a winning team, but the budget of the Athletics is approximately 39 million dollars, compared to 110 million for the New York Yankees. In addition, three of the Athletics' best players leave in free agency. Beane is in a rut, because he can't sign premium players because of the requirements of their high salaries. He then visits the Cleveland Indians organization to try to acquire a relief pitcher, hoping to get a good deal because he is friends with the Indians' GM. Although no deal is reached, he notices that an Indians scout, Peter Brand, had been giving advice to the GM about the trades, but the other members of the scouting staff ignored him. Beane confronts him outside the office and asks him some questions about the players involved in the deal.

Beane realizes Brand's potential and later that night, Beane offers him a job as assistant GM for the Athletics. Brand has a highly saber metrical approach to baseball, meaning that instead of traditional scouting (i.e. - has a good swing, has power, has speed), he bases his player analysis purely upon stats, and especially on-base percentage. One player the Athletics have to replace is Jason Giambi, who was an All-Star the previous year. His on-base percentage was very high, so Brand proposes they use a 1st base rotation to equal a similar on-base percentage and other stats. The other scouts look for one star player to replace him. Beane listens to Brand and signs several outcasts in order to fill the position. This decision leads to a falling out with his head scout, whom he eventually fires. After spring training, the coach of the team, Art Howe, completely disagrees with Brand and Beane's method, and instead of playing the handpicked outcasts, he plays his roster in a more orthodox way. The Athletics, having been built by Beane to play in the saber metrical style of Brand, fail early on. This result leads Beane to trade the only Athletics' player who is producing, 1st baseman Carlos Pena, in order to force Howe to play Brand's roster. Howe gives up his opposition to Beane's plan, and afterward plays the saber metrical style, hoping to get Beane fired at the conclusion of the season. The impact is immediate, and the Athletics improve quickly.

The rest of the film follows the amazing underdog season the Athletics had, which included a record setting 20 game win streak. The cast of *Moneyball* was great. Brad Pitt had a good performance as Billy Beane, and his in-your-face style of acting was perfect for the film. Jonah Hill played Peter Brand and was hilarious throughout the movie. There is one scene where he calculates the on-base percentage of a player so

quickly, it leads another scout to think he miscalculated, requiring Beane to try to explain to him that in order to multiply you have to carry the one. This was one of the funniest scenes in the movie, and I was chuckling for about five minutes afterward. The story was very informative and interesting. There was a part at the end when it explains that Beane declined 12.5 million dollars per year in order to stay in the Bay area with his daughter, which I thought was amazing.

If you don't know anything about baseball but like the sport, or you like the sport but don't understand the strategy, I would recommend you see this movie on an informative basis. Although most of it was interesting, it had a few dry spots in which nothing notable happened for sometimes up to ten minutes at a time. If you have a short attention span or are bored easily, this might not be the best movie for you, and I recommend you go see a Michael Bay movie in that case. Also, the scenes with Beane and his personal life were boring and pointless. They seemed a bit forced and subtracted from the experience, contributing to the dry spots. The film is about baseball, and I don't care if he visited his daughter during the season; those scenes were admittedly dramatized as well.

Overall, *Moneyball* was an excellent film, and it really surprised me. Something to note is that it is a drama, but it was also very funny with Beane and Brand's dry humor throughout. I give it an 8.5/10. I would have given it a 9 or 10, because it was a well-acted and technically good movie, but I had several issues with the plot, which held it back from being perfect. Family Note- If you are planning to go see this with your family, I would recommend against it. Profanity is used throughout the movie, and I watched this movie with my sisters who all seemed bored throughout.

ENTERTAINMENT

Game Review: *NHL 12*

By K.P. Frazier



NHL video games are the best sports video games out there. Some might say, how can that be if all they are doing is going around pushing this black round thing into a goal? Well, this game is a lot more than that. You are able to hit people whenever you want and get into a fight whenever you want. In the previous NHL game *NHL 11*, the game had a new physics engine that made sticks break and hits harder. This was a great thing to have in the previous game, but I have to give it to EA, they made the physics engine even more incredible this year. You are now able to hit guys into the glass, and the glass breaks. Also, if you hit the person the right way, they will become

airborne. I have to admit that it is pretty awesome to hit a guy in a sports video game and that happen.

NHL 12 has broken sticks again, but broken sticks have always annoyed me. They annoy me because even though it makes the game more realistic, it's just plain frustrating. When the stick breaks, your player has to go all the way back to the bench to get a new one.

Goalie fight is one of the new elements in *NHL 12*. In previous games after the whistle is blown, you couldn't touch the goalie. Now, whenever you want, you can deck his lights out, and the goalie is able to fight back.

The big thing that EA Sports was headlining this year was the Winter

Cup. If you don't know, the winter classic is a game played every New Years in a outside stadium. This year it is in Heinz Field. They do a great job making this game as realistic as it is on TV or if you were there. The gameplay is up and down. The graphics are as real as ever. One of the only bad things is the animation can stutter or start going slow all of a sudden. Another problem I found is sometimes the players can look deformed and really shaky; however, passing, shooting, and team entrances are perfect.

Another drawback is that the NHL game series has had the same announcers for this game for four years, and they haven't changed any of their commentary. It can be very irritating to hear the same phrase a thousand times. In addition, modes like "Be a GM" and "Season" did not change. One major change is in the "Create a Player" mode. You can now create a girl player.

I rate this game an 8.5. It is definitely on its way to being one of the best sports games, but it still has lots of room for improvement.

Spirit Week



Mrs. Roberts' advisory shows their support for Race for the Cure



The Top of the Hill staff decks out in camo.

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MLB Postseason

By David Gaw

October is time for one thing, baseball playoffs. This year's pennant race literally went down to the last day of the season. The Boston Red Sox were up nine games at the beginning of September, but at the last day of the season their lead had been erased to zero, and they were tied with the Tampa Bay Rays. The Red Sox lost to the Orioles by a walk-off single, and the Rays only needed to win to make it to the playoffs. It was the bottom of the twelfth with Evan Longoria up; the next moment a loud roar comes

up from the crowd, and the baseball is flying over the left field fence--a walk off home run! The Rays were going to the playoffs, coming back from a historic nine games.

In the National League, the Braves needed to beat the Phillies to get a playoff spot, but if they lost, and the Cardinals won, the Cards would get the spot. In the ninth inning, the young but reliable Craig Kimbrel was on for the save. The Phillies finally got men on base and eventually took the lead, and the Braves lost. The Cards pounded the lowly Astros to get the spot.

The divisional series were set: Rangers vs. Rays, Yankees vs. Tigers, D-Backs vs. Brewers, and Cardinals vs. Phillies. The Rangers bullpen was solid, and Adrian Belte added home runs in the final game to cap the win. The Yankees were favored to win their series, but the pesky Tigers hung with them and forced five games. In the fifth game Doug Fister pitched five solid innings, and the Tigers pulled out the win. The Brewers won in five games, and the Cardinals surprisingly pulled the series from the Phillies in five.

The ALDS featured the Tigers vs. Rangers and the Cardinals

vs Brewers. A key pitching match up was Colby Lewis vs. Doug Fister in game 3. Fister pulled out the win to get the series to 2-1 in favor of the Rangers. The Rangers won game 4, and the Tigers won game 5. In Game 6, Nelson Cruz hit his record 6th home run of the series, and the Rangers won easily 15-5.

In the Cardinals vs. Brewers series, a key match up was Gallardo (17-10, 3.52) vs. Carpenter (11-9, 3.45). Carpenter went five strong innings, and Jason Motte got the save for the Cards as they won 4-3. Entering Game 5, the series was knotted up at 2; Matt Holliday had 3 hits and 2 RBI in a 7-1 win for the Cardinals. Game 6 was a slugfest with a combined six homers between the teams. David Freeze was key in the game delivering a three-run blast in the 1st inning, and the Cards won 12-6.

The Cardinals hope to repeat their magical run of the 2006 season when they won the World Series. The Rangers are playing the best baseball of the whole season right now; who will win? I am predicting the Rangers in 6; what about you?



VS.



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Predators: Is This the Year?

By Carter Lovvorn

The Nashville Predators exited the 2010-11 playoffs on a high note. They had finally captured the elusive goal of winning a series for the first time in franchise history. The Preds defeated the Anaheim Ducks in six games. The Predators were on top of the world when they played Game 1 against Vancouver in Round 2. However, the Predators were embarrassed even though they only lost 1-0. They were demolished in every single statistic by the Canucks. The Preds

never fully rebounded and lost the series. Although they lost the series, Nashville had proved that they could win and that they could hang with one of the best teams in the league.

The Predators had many acquisitions and losses over the summer. The Preds lost one of their best playoff performers in Joel Ward to the Washington Capitals. Ward finished the playoffs leading the Preds in playoff goals and points. Other key losses included Steve Sullivan (Pittsburgh Penguins) and Cody Franson (Toronto Maple Leafs). Players signed include Niclas Bergfors and Zack Stortini. Bergfors came to the Preds from the Florida Panthers. He finished the 2010-11 season with twelve goals and 36 points. Stortini played for the Edmonton Oilers in the 2010-11 season. Stortini will add to the Preds' physical play and will receive many cheers from the crowd with his willingness to drop the gloves and fight. The Preds have many key players coming into the 2011-12 season. Shea Weber (D) had 53 points last season and played in all 94 games. Ryan Suter (D)

is one of the Predators most disciplined defensemen on the team. Ryan Suter let very few players by him last year. Martin Erat (RW) scored 18 goals last year and came up clutch when the Predators needed him in the 2010-11 season. Finally, Pekka Rinne (G) will be in-between the pipes for the Preds. His stellar performance in Round 2 against the Canucks proved his skill. These players will most likely be the top performers in the 2011-12 season.

The Predators were described by many as the team that plays in the loudest building in the NHL in 2010-11. From first-hand experience, I know that Bridgestone Arena is very loud when it is full with 17,113 fans. The team decided to get new jerseys to bring even more hype to Smashville. The gold jerseys will give the Preds their own distinct color and bring more attention to the team. The attention should help the Preds to a very successful season. I predict the Preds to make the playoffs again. They have a very good chance to make it deep into the playoffs with the depth of the team. Can they do it?



3-2 Titans Tied Atop the AFC South

By Hayne Hamilton

Going into the bye week, the Tennessee Titans are 3-2 and tied for the lead in the AFC South with the Houston

Texans. The Titans are well aware of the fact that the division is wide open with the Colts losing their quarterback Peyton Manning to a neck injury. The Titans' offense is led by a new veteran presence, QB Matt Hasselbeck. He is off to one of his best starts of a season of his career. Hasselbeck has thrown for 1414 yards, nine touchdowns, and only four interceptions, and he has a passer rating of 95.9. The offense has been pretty much all Hasselbeck because CJ2K has done squat. Johnson returned from his holdout without much time spent in training camp. So far, he only has one 100 yard rushing game, which was against the Browns (101 yards). The player that Hasselbeck says is the most talented player on the roster is out for the season with a torn MCL and ACL. Wide receiver Kenny Britt was emerging as one of the NFL's elite. In just barely three games, he had seventeen catches for 289 yards and

three touchdowns. He was injured in the second quarter of the Titans' third game against the Broncos. The Titans' defense is much improved from last year. So far the leading tackler is Jason McCourty with 39. He is also leading the team with two interceptions. Also, Derrick Morgan and Karl Klug are tied for the team high with 2 sacks. After a Week 1 loss to the Jaguars, the Titans answered back with a surprise victory against playoff rival Baltimore Ravens. Then, the Titans went on to beat the Broncos and Browns. The three game winning streak ended with a humiliating loss to the Pittsburgh Steelers. Ben Roethlisberger tied his career high with five passing touchdowns in the 38-17 victory. The Titans go into the bye week with this loss on their backs. Will this affect the Titans? We'll find out soon enough.

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NCAA Men's Basketball Preview

By Jack Litchfield

With all of the hype surrounding the start of college football and the ending of the NFL Lockout, many people have forgotten about the upcoming season of college basketball. This year of college hoops will be as competitive and exciting as ever with electrifying and talented freshmen playing on the national stage for the first time, and returning veterans looking to lead their teams to a national title. Included in this article are my rankings and predictions for this season of men's basketball.

TOP FIVE TEAMS

1. **North Carolina** – Returning players Tyler Zeller, John Henson, and Harrison Barnes will join talented freshmen P.J. Hairston and James McAdoo to form a star-studded lineup of players sure to be national title contenders. The key to UNC's season is the breakout of point guard Kendal Marshall. If Marshall performs, and UNC is not plagued by injuries, Coach Roy Williams will be cutting down the nets at the end of March.

2. **Kentucky** – Ranked number one in several polls, Kentucky is not a team to be messed with either. As Kentucky's abysmal football season drags along, UK fans, myself included, look forward to what is sure to be a special season for Kentucky basketball. Coach John Calipari has hauled in the number one recruiting class for three straight years, and freshmen Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, Kyle Wiltjer, Marquis Teague, and number one recruit Anthony Davis will take the country by storm this season. Kentucky will have arguably one of the best front courts in college basketball history with the return of sophomore Terrence Jones. After a disappointing loss in last year's Final Four, look for Kentucky to acquire their coveted eighth national championship this year.

3. **Connecticut** – Last year's national champs have what it takes to repeat despite the loss of superstar Kemba Walker to the NBA. The Huskies add surprise recruit Andre Drummond, a talented center from prep school, and return March Madness breakout player Jeremy Lamb and Alex Oriakhi. The Huskies will look to dominate the Big East this season.

4. **Ohio State** – The Buckeyes come into this season with a chip on their shoulder from a surprising Sweet Sixteen loss to Kentucky last year. William Buford and Aaron Craft are deadly from three-point range and will carry the team far, but the key to their season is the play of returning big man Jared Sullinger. After a stellar freshmen season, Sullinger will strive for a Big 12 championship and will lead the team deep into March.

5. **Duke** – The Blue Devils are severely hurt by the losses of Kyrie Irving, Kyle Singler, and Nolan Smith to the NBA, but they have enough new talent to overcome these losses. Austin Rivers, son of Boston Celtics coach Doc Rivers, will help the team out greatly, and the Plumlee brothers will dominate the paint. As always however, Duke will win games because of the coaching ability of Mike Krzyzewski.

There will always be several mid-major schools that will shock the country with upsets and Cinderella stories in the tournament, as well. I predict that several of these teams will be Butler, Gonzaga, Murray State, and Belmont. Also, March Madness should shape up to be as crazy as always. I predict that Kentucky, North Carolina, Syracuse, and Texas will be battling it out for the championship in New Orleans, with Kentucky eventually cutting down the nets.

This can't-miss season of college basketball will produce shocking upsets, down-to-the-wire finishes, breakout players, and some of the best basketball seen this year with the NBA lockout seeing no signs of an end.

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The Great Outdoors

By Mark Floyd

The leaves are falling, the weather is changing, and that can mean only one thing.... it is hunting season! With bow season having opened, many sportsmen have been getting their share of the deer in the state, and with gun season opening in early November, many more are sure to hit the woods. Whether a hunter shoots a Parker or a PSE, compound or traditional, he knows the challenges of bow hunting. With most shots well within 40 yards, hunting with a bow is one of the most challenging and rewarding ways to hunt game. As the rut begins, a more aggressive approach to calling may be more effective for bringing out that next trophy. It is always a good idea to try a combination of grunting, rattling, or bleating to help bring it in.

Let's not forget about the other game that has opened.



White-tail deer

Squirrel season has begun, and the bushy tails are well on their way to filling their homes with plenty of walnuts and acorns. Squirrels are most active early in the morning and late in the evening. In early season, they will mostly be found high up in the treetops, but as the season progresses, they will move to the ground with the walnuts and acorns.

Dove season, another popular small game, is opening soon as well. Dove hunting is usually action-packed and is an exciting way to begin a hunting trip. Doves are almost always found in and around freshly harvested crops like corn.



A compound bow used in archery.

Fall turkey hunting opens soon, and the gobblers are soon to be running. Although fall turkey season is less glorified than the spring season, there are sure to be many turkeys around, and you

can take any turkey that happens to walk by with both sexes open for gun.

Lastly, waterfowl season is just around the corner. The ducks and geese will be flying. The recommended waterfowl load is a 12-gauge shotgun with at least the 3 inch steel in #4 or larger. For geese, however, it can pay off to use a 3 ½ inch steel in #4 or larger if you can bear the sharp recoil.

The fall shad run also comes with the changing weather. The shad will be in large schools, enjoying their last months before they die in the winter. You can usually find the bass herding shad in shallow or medium water. The best lures to throw are shallow or medium diving bandit crank bait, a blue and silver rattletap, or jerk bait moved quickly through the water. Another fish, trout, will soon be hot, too. Fall and winter trout fishing is a favorite among many sportsmen. Most trout will be found in pools of slightly deeper water and sometimes behind rocks, waiting for their next meal to come over. A fly rod is best utilized by making a cast upstream and letting the fly drift downstream. A dry fly is an exciting way to fish because you can see the fish attack the fly. Wet flies are sometimes better to use though and are almost always used with an indicator.

Whether you are hitting the fields for a day of hunting or hitting the water in search of that next big one, you will enjoy hunting and fishing in the great outdoors.

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8th Grade Football: ROLL RED ROLL!

By Mark Floyd

The Big Red's 8th grade team had a fantastic season this year. Led by captains Will Eskew and John Kelly, the Big Red finished with a great 6-2 record. The team worked hard all summer and started the year strong at the jamboree, defeating both David Lipscomb and Christ the King. Next, the Big Red won a close and exciting game against Knoxville Webb 46-38, after running back three kickoffs. They then faced an athletic and powerful Brentwood Academy team. After a solid first half, MBA had a 18-7 lead

at halftime. However, BA had a very good second half, and the Big Red lost to a talented Brentwood team 19-18. The next week, the team drove to Knoxville to face Knoxville Fulton. After a hard battle, the Big Red beat an athletic Knoxville Fulton squad 26-6. Next they faced a large and skilled Whithorne Middle School team. MBA played a fantastic game under the lights. They fought hard and came out on top 14-0. The next week, the Big Red faced Brentwood Academy again. The team was out for revenge and had prepared all week for BA's aggressive offense.



Jack King



Werner Bradshaw and Adrian Roper

The 8th graders came onto the field seeking redemption. BA made several spectacular defensive plays and led the game at halftime 20-0. The Big Red came out in the second half with new energy and focus, but lost 20-14 after a valiant effort. The team's last game was against CPA, and the Big Red prepared all week for CPA's effective passing offense. After an entire team effort, the 8th graders won 34-6. Led by head coach McMurray and assistant coaches Green, Pettus, Swett, and McMahan, the 8th grade football team had a great and successful season.



2011 Eighth-Grade Football Team

BIG RED SPORTS

7th Grade Football Team Goes Undefeated!

By Andrew Kaplan

MBA's 7th grade football team had a phenomenal year, going 6-0. Led by players such as Ty Chandler, Collin Rudolph, and Michael Lee, the team dominated every team it faced, including St. Henry, Coopertown, David Lipscomb, Springfield, Nashville Catholic, and Brentwood Academy.

Every player got to play in every game as the Big Red outscored each opponent by at least a touchdown, usually more. With Michael Lee at quarterback he led the offense to terrific scoring drives run in by Ty Chandler and Jorma McClure. Cornerbacks Jack Hayles and Gabriel Mendoza shutdown opponents' passing games and

outside runs. Great offensive and defensive lines were led by Austin Streaty, Sam Garrett, Turner Johnson, Wyeth Patton, Warner Lamar, Brandon Glaser, and Call Bainbridge. Kicker William Porter and punters Gabriel Mendoza and Jack

Benson kept opponents on their side of the field for most of each game. Collin Rudolph and Ty Chandler stopped any runs up the middle with Mac Lassing and Michael Lee backing up at safeties.

Cardinal and silver squads got plenty of game action and had their own separate game as well. The team practiced every weekday except Friday. The dedicated team worked hard after school each day to execute in games. Head Coach Tim Bryant and assistants Coach Bernatavitz, Coach Piggee, Coach Smith, Coach Stack, and Coach Dean patiently worked hard with



Ty Chandler

the players to get things done right on game day. With the help of these coaches and hard work, the MBA 7th grade football team went undefeated for the first time in years.



Jack Benson



Cameron Wade and Jack Anderson



Jed Griffin

BIG RED SPORTS

Another Great Season for Microbe Golf

By Jack Litchfield

Both the Varsity and JV Microbe golf teams had successful seasons this fall and represented the Big Red well on the course. The Varsity team finished 4th in the HVAC tournament, and the JV team had a perfect record in match play. These two teams experienced great success this season and had a lot of fun accomplishing their goals and getting better together.

The JV team led by first year Coach Mike Martin had an excellent season. We experienced great weather, had the opportunity to play at several different courses around Nashville, and were able to play in two matches despite the large number of schools that could

not schedule a match with us. This team was led by eight eighth graders and also included five seventh graders who greatly contributed to the team as well. Our team had our first match against Harding's JV team at Percy Warner, which we won handily because of great performances by all of the seventh-grade players. Several weeks later, we played another Harding team that was comprised of different players at Harpeth Hills. We were able to win this match as well, giving us a 2-0 record on the season. About the team's hard work this season, Coach Martin said, "The team was a lot of fun to coach, and I look forward to seeing the boys continue to play golf at MBA." The JV team competed hard and had fun playing this fall.

After tryouts during the summer which saw 42 junior-schoolers competing to make the team, eight were selected to the varsity team: Cal Rieke, Sam Smith, Conner Gray, Max Davis, George Lazenby, Matt Hopp, Will Johnson, and Dalton Crow. During the season, the team finished with an outstanding 9-3 record in match play against various

schools in Nashville. Also, each player kept a running tally of his score from each practice throughout the season. In the end, Cal, Sam, Conner, and Max finished with the lowest scores and were selected to compete in the HVAC Golf Championships at Westhaven Golf Course. After a great performance the first day that saw Conner Gray shooting a terrific 39 and Max Davis and Sam Smith not far behind, MBA was tied for second and needed a below par performance the next day to secure the victory. Although the team came up just a little bit short of this goal, the team finished in 4th, and Cal Rieke placed 4th out of all 36 players. Coach Shone was very proud of the team's efforts this season, saying, "I think overall it was a very successful first year, and I look forward to coaching this team next year with Cal Rieke and Max Davis back."

Microbe golfers worked hard and competed successfully this fall, and we hope we will see many of these players have continued success playing in high school.

MBA Rifle Stuns at the Rifle Classic

By Alvin Zhang

In the first quarter of the year, the MBA rifle team outperformed almost every competitor it faced. The season started with a victorious match held at MBA's new state-of-the-art range (check it out next to the parking garage) and continued with several postal matches against teams such as Hume Fogg and Seneca High. In a postal match against Hume Fogg, the Big Red Rifle's first precision squad had a combined score of 2291, a seasonal best score for the squad. In this match, Luke Cianciolo shot a personal best of 480, moving him up from the sporter to the precision rank (a higher rank). Luke made precision in

only his third sporter match.

Starting on October 14th and ending on the 16th, MBA hosted the Montgomery Bell Academy Rifle Classic, one of the largest rifle tournaments in the Southeast. Competitors came from all over the country, including some of the best teams and shooters in America. This tournament required a lot of effort both on our part and the staff's part, and the rifle team was divided into squads to do work such as picking up targets. The Big Red Rifles performed well in this tournament, and the Squad 1 and Squad 2 of the Precision platoon placed 1st and 3rd in the 3-position (standing, kneeling, prone) competition. Of the top shooters in the competition, Winn Van Cleave (4th) and Hunter Guye (8th) made it to the finals,

with Winn ending as 8th overall and Hunter as 7th. Ironically, for a large rifle tournament held at an all-boys school, the top three precision shooters were girls, with Samantha Bullard in 1st place. In the coaches' match, our own Bobby Yakushi came out first with a standing score of 76, winning a golden hammer and a gift card to ACE hardware. On Sunday the 13th, we competed in a 40-shot standing-only match. The precision team and sporters performed well, with Dani Beigl getting a personal best score in standing. The MBA rifle program experienced great success this quarter and will hopefully continue the success throughout the year.

BIG RED SPORTS

Cross Country: A Photo Finish of a Season



The 2011 Microbe Cross Country Team

By Hunter Hamilton

This year the Microbe Cross Country Team had another very successful season. The team began training together on August 8th and had their first meet at the Park at Harlinsdale on August 25th. The Microbes started the season strong, placing first with a score of 20. Tom and Will Peters finished first and second with times of 12:09 and 12:10 followed by Collin Ragsdale in third with a time of 12:15. Jordan Rosdeutscher finished sixth, and Will Warren finished eighth. The second meet was held at Vaughn's Creek. The Big Red fought hard but fell 9 points short behind the hosts, Brentwood Academy. The team competed at Ensworth on September 8th and destroyed the competition with Will Peters placing second with a time of 11:54, Jordan Rosdeutscher placing fourth with a 12:02, Collin Ragsdale finishing fifth with a 12:09, Hunter Hamilton placing sixth with a 12:20, and Dylan O'Donnell finishing seventh with a time of 12:27. With the speedy seventh graders away at Camp Laney, the Microbes participated in a meet at CPA on September 15th. Despite a good effort from the eighth graders, the team finished second to the Lions. Top finishers were Jordan Rosdeutscher, Hunter Hamilton, Charlie Bailey, Wes Richardson, and

Alec Vest. On September 22nd, the Microbes competed in the last dual meet of the season at the USN River Campus. As a result of a bee infestation, the course was slightly altered. Despite this modification, the Big Red finished on top with Will Peters finishing first, Collin Ragsdale finishing second, Jordan Rosdeutscher in fifth, Hunter Hamilton placing sixth, and Tom Peters (returning from an ankle injury) placing seventh.

One could feel the excitement building as the team prepared for the championship. Everyone knew that the Eagles were going to be a tough threat, which motivated them even more. On Friday September 30th, MBA competed at Harlinsdale again. The Big Red battled with the Eagles but fell short of first place by 10 points. Tom and Will Peters finished fourth and sixth overall with unbelievable times of 11:32 and 11:37. They were followed by Collin Ragsdale and Will Warren with times of 11:39 and 11:40. Jordan Rosdeutscher, Hunter Hamilton, and Dylan O'Donnell finished with times of 11:42, 11:57, and 12:10.

The day after the championship, twenty members of the team volunteered at the Tennessee School for the Blind Track meet. They contributed by helping the students in the track and field events. This event showed the



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Track meet*



Christopher Owen and Hayes Alley

members how fortunate they are to be able to see clearly.

Congratulations to the Microbe Cross Country Team and its coaches on their accomplishments this season.

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